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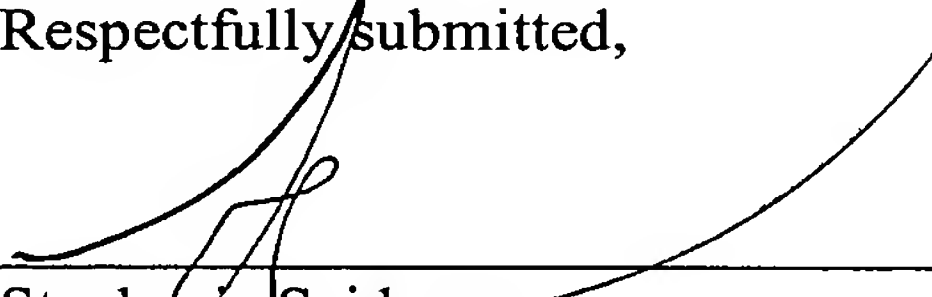
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages), Forms PTO-1449 (1 page), cited non U.S. patent references, copy of a European Search Report (7 pages), a Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) (2 pages), and a return postcard for filing in connection with the above-captioned application. Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed with a Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), a fee for filing the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement should not be required. If, however, it is determined that a fee for filing these papers is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1050, as stated below:

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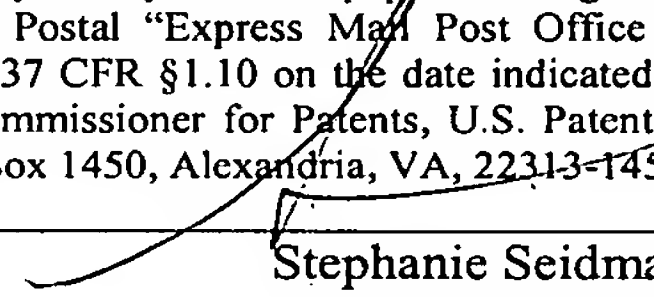

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98**

Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and includes a statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). The statement applies to the copy of a European Search Report and all of the information listed on Form PTO-1449 (1 page), provided herewith. A fee for filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement should not be due. If, however, it is determined that a fee is due, any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

As noted in the attached statement, the information is a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, which was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides

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this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited non U.S. patent documents are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed item is necessary.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, a copy of a European Search Report (Document I), issued August 7, 2007, in connection with corresponding European Patent Application No. 03774608.8 is provided for consideration by the Examiner. The table below lists Document I and includes a column that provides a space next to the document to be considered, for the Examiner's initials.

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Document
	I	Copy of European Search Report, issued August 7, 2007, in connection with corresponding European Patent Application No. 03774608.8

Provided herewith and submitted for consideration by the Examiner is a copy of a European Search Report (Document I), issued August 7, 2007, in connection with corresponding European Patent Application No. 03774608.8 (Attorney Docket No. 19049-005EP1/ 4905EP). This European application is a National Stage filing of International Patent Application No. PCT/US2003/031719, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/415,388, to which the instant application likewise claims priority.

Further to the list provided in the communication filed on September 7, 2006, applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following pending U.S. and International Applications that have one or more common inventors and/or are commonly owned:

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11/104,111	04/12/05	2006-0024289	02/02/06	4911
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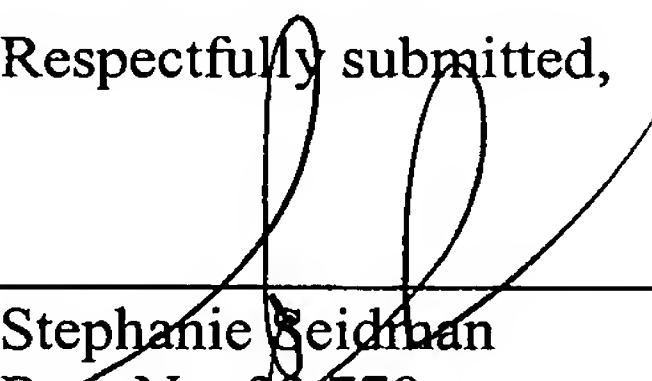
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PCT/US05/012488	04/12/05	WO 05/110453	11/24/05	4912PC
PCT/US06/41165	10/20/06	WO 07/047995	04/26/07	4903PC

Although these documents and applications are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the information, singly or in any combination thereof, is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (g and h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 (b) exists.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

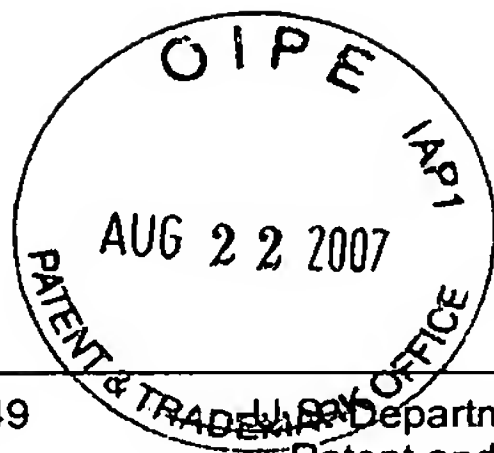


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U.S. Patent Documents

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	AA	5,766,842	06/16/1998	Melnick et al.	435	5	08/30/1996

Foreign Patent Documents or Published Foreign Patent Applications

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							Yes	No
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Other Documents (include Author, Title, Date, and Place of Publication)

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	AC	Bornscheuer, U.T. and M. Pohl, "Improved biocatalysts by directed evolution and rational protein design" Curr Opin in Chem Biol 5(2):137-143 (2001)
	AD	Olsen et al., "High-throughput screening of enzyme libraries" Curr Opin in Biotech 11(4):331-337 (2000)
	AE	Gupta et al., "Bacterial alkaline proteases: Molecular approaches and industrial applications" Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology, 59:15-32 (2002)

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EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.	